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Connie Kinnell Second Runner Up Annual Pageant

Connie Renee Kinnell

By BOB FERRIS

Miss Connie Renee Kinnell of 76 Silver Lake Dr., Agawam was selected as second runner-up in the 36th Annual Miss Massachusetts scholarship Pageant held in New Bedford, June 28.

Connie, who was crowned Miss Agawam last April in the Miss Agawam scholarship pageant sponsored by the Agawam Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes, spent five busy days in New Bedford last week in preparation for Saturday nights pageant. Seventeen very talented contestants competed for the state title with the winner going on to compete in the Miss America Scholarship Pageant in Atlantic City.

Competition consisted of judges interview, talent, evening gown, and swim suit. Miss Kinnell's talent was an original poem recitation entitled "The Way We Were" and concluded with the singing of the song "The Way We Were". Cynthia Carpenter, Miss Greater Marlboro was crowned Miss Massachusetts.

Connie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kinnell of Agawam. The scholarship awards Connie received from the Miss Agawam Pageant and as second runner-up in the Miss Massachusetts Pageant will be put to good use as she plans to attend Cottey College in Missouri this fall in preparation for a career in social work.

Golden Agers Hear Jane Koeler

Miss Jane Koeler, a representative from Blue Cross- Blue Shield, was the guest speaker at the Agawam Golden Age Club's bi-monthly meeting Wednesday, June 25. Shown are (left to right) Miss Jane Koeler, Golden Age officers Mrs. Alice Squzza, treasurer; Mrs. Emeline Comeau, corresponding secretary; Mr. Charles St. Clair, President; Mr. Sam Joyce, vice-president; Mr. Del Burt, recording secretary, and Mrs. Kay Aldrich, chaplain. Photo by Bill Keogh.

Town Council To Look Into Conduct Of Liquor Commission

By MIKE CASCELLA

A select Town Council subcommittee is expected to be formed soon to look into the conduct of the Liquor License Commission and its attitude towards the public.

The council recently approved a report from a subcommittee, headed by Council Vice-President Edmund Coffey, which recommended a series of closed hearings by a new subcommittee.

"The inquiry will be limited to the attitude of the commission to the public," Coffey explained, "and the subcommittee can subpoena witnesses."

Coffey also outlined the substance of the report.

Council President Richard M. Theroux will appoint the subcommittee July 7.

Abutters to liquor license sites and "interested citizens" will be advised by registered mail of the hearings, to be conducted by the subcommittee chairman and a representative from the town's law office. All information will be gathered under oath.

The subcommittee will then report its findings back to the full Council, at which time, the full board can opt for a public hearing under Section 2-11 of the 1974 charter.

The public hearing would also require testimony under oath. Witnesses can be subpoenaed, but their testimony will be limited to the conduct of the commission. Town Solicitor Jay Posnik will conduct the hearings.

The Liquor License Commission can rebut statements made at the hearings "at its discretion," Coffey added.

The investigation of the Liquor Commission was ordered by the Council following reports by Councilors Roy Benjamin and Fred Nardi that citizens, disturbed by alleged late-night parties at the American Legion pavilion off North Street, were rudely treated by the License Commission.

Although the License Commission severely restricted the Legion's license — no music at picnics which include alcoholic beverages and picnics to end at 8 p.m. — the Council continued its own investigation.

Commission Chairman Henry McGowan at the time denied any wrongdoing, stating simply, "I don't know what they're talking about."

Should the Council report be negative, Town Manager James Westman will have the option of removing McGowan and Commissioner John Shea. The third member of the licensing board, Michael Montagna, resigned in early April due to health reasons.

Coffey said the conduct of the commission "is a serious matter," adding that "frivolous conduct or easy accusations will not do the town any good."

Holiday For Staff

The Agawam Citizen will not publish on Thursday, July 10 so that staff members may enjoy the Fourth of July weekend. Next edition of the Agawam Citizen will be Thursday, July 17.

Garden Club To Meet

Members of the Agawam Garden Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Alice Moore on Tuesday, July 8 at 5:30 p.m.

After a tour of the Herb Garden they will proceed to the home of Mrs. Helen Lawrenchuk, Edward Street for the annual club picnic. Members are asked to bring a box lunch and a lawn chair. Dessert and beverage will be provided by the hostess.

A short business meeting will be held and plans for the Bicentennial Flower Show to be held in September will be made.

Square Dance Jubilee On July 4

On July 4, the Baystaters Square Dance Club will sponsor the 1975 Conn. Valley Square Dance Jubilee.

The event will take place in Forest Park and is part of an entire day of specially planned events sponsored by the Forest Park Board of Trade and the Springfield Bicentennial Committee.

At 4 p.m. square dancers from all over the Conn. Valley will gather on the green to participate in the pastime that has fast become the official folk dance of America. Th Jubilee is free to all and the public is invited to watch and participate.

Easter Seal Society Co-Sponsor National Awareness Week

One in 10 Americans has trouble negotiating steps, going through revolving doors, getting up curbs, finding accessible housing, using public transportation.

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All buildings to which the public has a right to enter are now covered by the new rules and regulations of the Architectural Barriers Board which were filed on May 29 with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Purpose of the regulations is to provide the physically handicapped full and free use of all buildings and facilities so that they may have the education, employment, living and recreation opportunities necessary to be as self-sufficient as possible and to assume full responsibilities as citizens.

Regulations provide that entrances must be wide enough to be used by a person in a wheelchair. Elevators must be provided in all public buildings over two stories high. All corridors and halls must be barrier-free so a person can use the entire facility. Any signs, numbers and signals in the building shall be designed for use by visually handicapped and deaf persons. Sidewalks being constructed by any city or town fall under these regulations in so much as curb cuts must be provided.

Anyone anticipating the construction of such buildings falling under these regulations should contact the local building inspector who has the responsibility to enforce regulations.

Additional information is available at the offices of the Architectural Barriers Board, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, 02108 or telephone (617) 727-6257.

Kids Dog Show

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The Agawam Park and Recreation Department will sponsor a Dog Show, Wednesday, July 9, at Shea Field beginning at 10 a.m.

Dogs will be judged in seven categories: Best Trick, Smallest Dog, Largest Dog, Best Looking, Best Costumed, Funniest, and Best Behaved. There will also be an award for the Best of Show. Further information and entry blanks may be obtained from playground leaders.

The show is co-sponsored by the Ken-L-Ration Company and the National Recreation and Park Association. The show will provide fun and education for all children and their dogs.

All participants at the Dog Show at Shea will be presented with an excellent pamphlet entitled "How To Care For, Train and Feed Your Dog."

YMCA Outdoor Pool Has New Deck

Stephen B. Russell of the Agawam YMCA Outdoor Center has announced that a new deck has been put down around the swimming pool. This deck is of the same material used on many tennis courts in many communities. The new deck is green and will be much cooler than the old deck which was around the seimming pool for the past few years. This improvement, along with an excellent staff, makes the Agawam YMCA Outdoor Center a great place to spend time this summer", Russell said.

Russell also asked that residents contact the YMCA at 739-6951, Ext. 254, for information on how you and your family can enjoy the new swimming pool deck."

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Jr. Women Receive Special Honors

Junior Women's Club members display certificates awarded at the annual meeting in Hyannis. Shown Seated, left to right) are Diana Willard, Patricia Lloyd, Charlotte Venturini and Edith Lubarsky. Standing, left to right, Althea Arnold, Julie Dubuque, Karen Douglass and Penny Stone.

President Patricia Lloyd holds the silver bowl presented to the Junior Women's Club at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership, in Hyannis. Mrs. Lloyd was presented the State Junior Membership silver bowl for the club's overall excellence in programs and activities.

Special honors were received by the Agawam Junior Women's Club at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs Junior Membership, in Hyannis.

Mrs. Patricia Lloyd, president 1974-75 was presented with the State Junior Membership Silver Bowl for the club's overall excellence in programs and activities during the year. A superior rating on President's Guidelines, was given the club for the 17th year.

A special Bicentennial plate was awarded the club for first place in the state Bicentennial Contest.

An overall excellence award was given to the International Affairs Department, chaired by Mrs. Diana Willard; first place honors was awarded for the club's work with the National Association for Retarded Citizens. Mrs. Evelyn Lamb is chairperson of the Agawam club's program for the retarded.

The club received first place honors in the state "Promote Americanism Contest" for their special Flag Day observance in the kindergarten classes of the Agawam schools.

The club entered the essay of Jacinda Stone, a fourth grade student of Danahy School, in the state "My America Contest." Miss Stone received a ribbon and first place citation for her work.

Members of the club received honors in the state Art Contest; Mrs. Edith Lubarsky, first place in crafts; Mrs. Joanne Hornyak, second place in amateur art; Mrs. Althea Arnold, third place in sewing.

Representing the club at the meeting were; Mrs. Patricia Lloyd, Mrs. Charlotte Venturini, Mrs. Karen Douglass, Mrs. Edith Lubarsky, Mrs. Julie Dubuque, Mrs. Diana Willard, Mrs. Penny Stone and Mrs. Althea Arnold.

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Voluntary Action Center Opens

The Voluntary Action Center of Greater Springfield announces the opening of its new headquarters at 101 State St., Springfield, Room 208.

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Junior Women, Little League East All Stars Spill Town Officials

Some of the Agawam Junior Women's Club members who played against the town officials Sunday, June 29 were (sitting, left to right) Bonnie Arnold, Charlotte Venturini and Diane Willard. (Standing) Judy Lech, Pat Jenks, Penny Stone, Lynn Emery, Pat Silk, Julie Dubuque, and Jean Landry. Photo by Bill Keogh.

Pamela Jenks of the Agawam Junior Women's Club just beats out a throw to town official first baseman Steve Kitosser last Sunday at Little League East's main diamond. Photo by Bill Keogh.

Agawam Junior Women's Club member Pamela Jenks watches Sealer of Weights and Measures Lou Draghetti blast a home run during the Junior Women's Club softball game with the town officials Sunday, June 29.

Although the town officials were beaten by the combined efforts of the Agawam Junior Women's Club and the Little League All Stars last Sunday, they still held their heads high for a Bill Keogh picture. (Kneeling from left to right) Dale Karnes, Jack Stone, and Jim Westman. (Standing) Steve Kitosser, Lou Draghetti, Jack Kunasek, Ed Caba, Harvey Cusson, Andre Ciak, and Stan Chmielewski.

By RIC SARDELLA

Members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club combined forces with the Little League East All Stars to spill the "highly touted" town officials 8-7, Sunday June 29 in the benefit softball game sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

Led by Town Manager Jim Westman, the town officials held a 5-0 advantage after five innings of fun-filled mayhem at Little League East's main diamond.

After a scoreless sixth inning, Little League All Stars Scott Karen, Jerry Miller, Mark Morrisson (3b), Bobby Schwein (ss), Tim Ayre (cf), and Junior Women's Club members Lynn Every (1b), Jean Landry (2b), and Pat Silk (rf) crossed the plate a total of eight times in the seventh and eighth frames. The rally proved too much for Westman and his team to overcome.

Little League East President Ron Napolitan threw out the first ball to begin the game.

The town officials roster consisted of Westman at second base, Town Engineer, and coach of the team, Jack Stone in center field, Sealer of Weights and Measures Lou Draghetti on the hill; Park and Rec Director Jack Kunasek on the receiving end of Draghetti's arcing fast balls; Safety Officer Stan Chmielewski (ss); Planning Board member Steve Kitosser (1b); DPW Clerk Andrea Ciak (rf); DPW GEneral Foreman Harvey Cusson (1f); and Town Clerk Ed Caba (3b).

Ken Roberts, Bob Brock, Bill Egan, Dave Stuart, Paul Diyelle, Rich Gravel, John Couture and Tom Silibia rounded out the Little League East All Stars. Charlotte Venturini (captain), Pat Jenks, Judy Lech, Julie Dubuque, Bonnie Arnold, Diane Willard, Pat Lynch, and Pat Lloyd filled the remaining Junior Women's Club slots.

Julie Dubuque, chairperson of the event, said she was pleased and happy with the turnout and success of the afternoon. "I would like to thank all the girls who helped make this fun-filled event such a success." Mrs. Dubuque also mentioned she was "a little sore and bruised following the game."

The Little League East concession stand was open throughout the afternoon. The sausage grinders and hot dogs proved to be the crowd pleasers. (Jack Kunasek and Ed Caba certainly seemed pleased anyway). Vivian Govoni, Joann Hornyak, Pat Humistun and Helen Trombly ran the concession stand.

An added attraction during the game was the one dollar charged to each town official who belted a home run. The Junior Women's Club also held a raffle between each inning to further delight the crowd.

"Everyone had a great time," Mrs. Dubuque said. "A lot of work went into the planning of the game. There were a lot of happy faces both on the field and in the stands."

NOTES: Health Agent Dale Karnes is sporting new beard which has led to his nickname of Fidel Castro. Nobody at Town Hall has let Dale forget it either. Mrs. Dubuque said she never played softball before the Junior Women's Club practice Thursday, June 26. Sealer of Weights and Measures Lou Draghetti sure swings a mean bat.

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Summer Soccer

By MIKE WALSH

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Forward Tom Dal Molin took advantage of the help given him by teammates Gary Webster and Dave Napolitan to score two goals. The Brownie booters played an all around good game.

The Brownies seemingly lost their confidence in their next match against American Saw; ending in a 3-2 loss. Tom Depalo tallied first for Agawam while Tom Dal Molin, on a hot streak, nailed in his third of the year. The winning goal, a disputed call by the referee, stood and proved to be the winner for American Saw.

Last week the Brownies continued their downhill slide by losing to the Brooks Club of Chicopee and the Ludlow Chicks. Chicopee outclassed and outplayed the Brownies. The Agawam defense held the Brooks scoreless in the first half, but fell apart in the second half to allow five goals with the final score 5-0.

On June 26, Ludlow scored twice in the first three minutes of play and held out against a hustling Agawam squad to win 2-0.

The Brownies started off on a hard schedule and still have a chance to improve their present 1-3 record.

The next home game is Thursday, July 3 at Middle School filed. Game time is 7 p.m.

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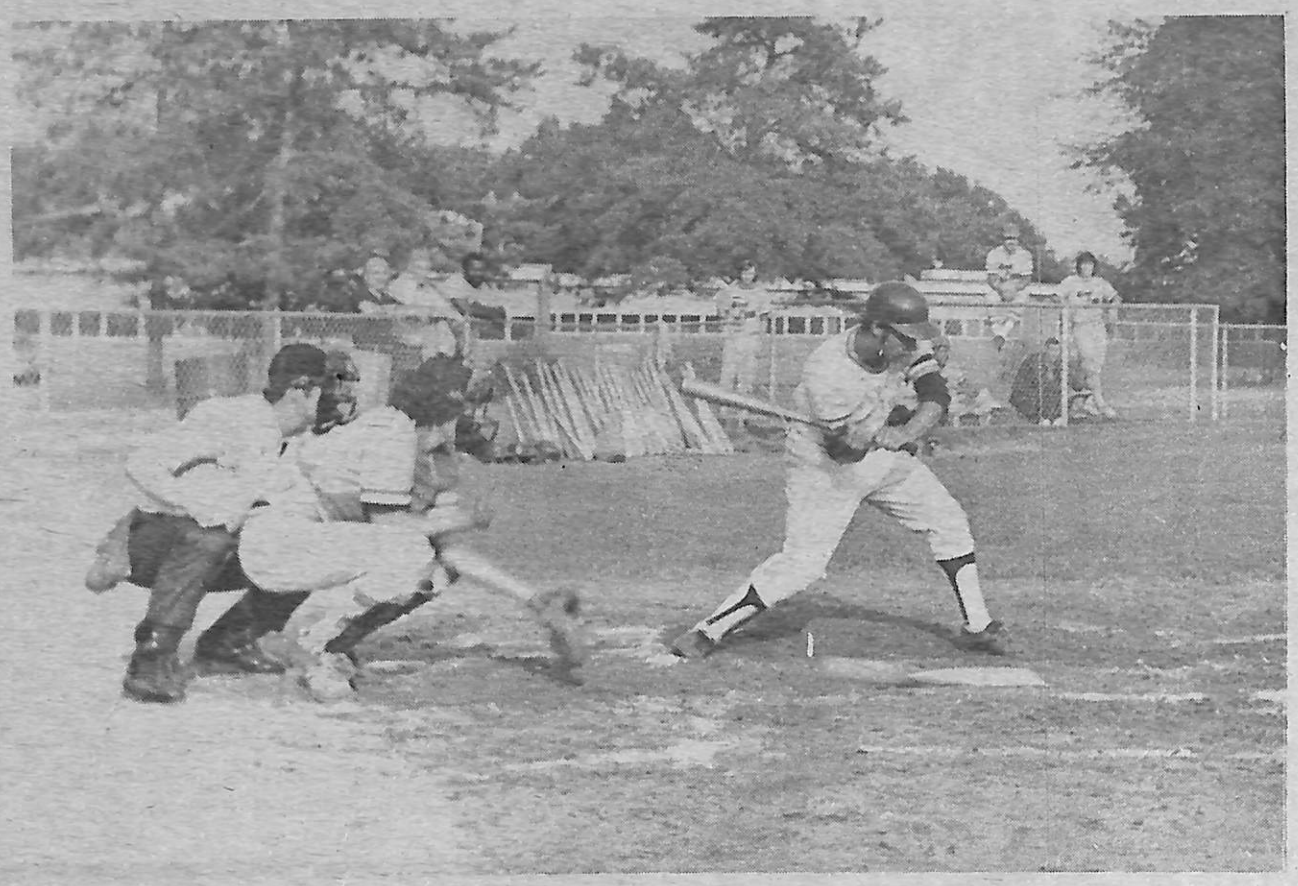

Behind the four hit pitching of Springfield's Jimmy Bedard, Century Auto whitewashed the Chicopee Fall Tigers by a 1-0 margin Saturday, June 28 in Tri-County League activity at Shea's field. Coach Fran DeVivo's nine has won two of their last three outings and now post a 4-10 record. Although Century still has been hitting without much authority, their pitching staff of Pete Shibley, Jim Trask and Bedard have carried the load in the last couple of games. Shown above is Century short stop Jim Ewing hitting an infield ground ball. Photo by Bill Keogh.

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With the score knotted up at 11 apiece after seven frames, Sporting Club catcher Gary Desimoni led off the eighth box with a long triple.

Mike Petroniro, John Fedora, Jimmy Hill and Mousy Hill quickly followed Desimoni with base hits to ignite the major rally.

By the time the inning was over, Sporting Club short stop Donny Wheeler blasted a triple and Desimoni, batting for the second time in the eighth, drove home the nineteenth run.

Valenti's tacked on a meaningless tally in the bottom of the inning for the final 19-12 margin.

"There was no way we could have stopped them in the eighth," Valenti's Coach Joe Valenti bemoaned. "They just knocked the heck out of us."

Desimoni banged out four hits for the Sporting Club as did Cagey CaHill, the game's winning pitcher. Sporting Club first baseman Mike Petroniro chipped in three more hits in the winning cause.

Valenti led the losers with four hits followed by Cliff Kibbe's three base knocks. John Wally took the loss on the mound.

Valenti's had a chance to break the 11-11 tie in the bottom of the seventh frame, but Rich Howe smacked into an inning, ending double play to send the game into extra innings.

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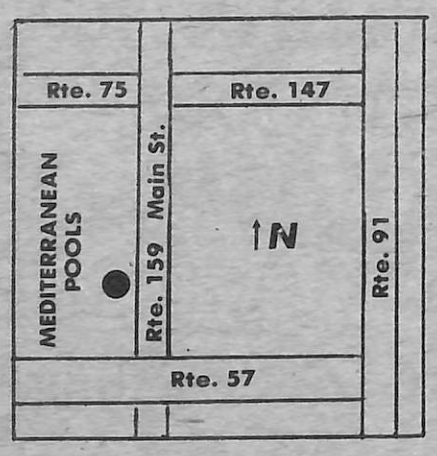

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Sacred Heart Athletic Association Schedules All Star Games July 4

By EARL GEORGE
Publicity Director
Sacred Heart Athletic Association

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association will hold their annual All Star games Friday, July 4, at their main diamonds.

The outstanding boys from a total of 21 teams will compete in the All Star contests. Each of the three leagues 8-10, 10-12, and 12-14 are scheduled to play an All Star game representing their respective league.

At approximately 2 p.m. the Sacred Heart Athletic Association will conduct the drawing for the trestle table and benches that are being raffled for the benefit of the athletic association.

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association will also award jackets to championship teams of the basketball leagues. One player from each of the four leagues will be presented a trophy for outstanding sportsmanship.

In the event of rain, all activities will take place Saturday, July 5.

Schedule for the All Star games; 8-10 boys baseball — 11:30 a.m.; 10-12 boys baseball — 9:30 a.m.; 12-14 boys baseball — 10:00 a.m.

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Yankees	7	5
Braves	7	5
Brewers	5	7
Royals	5	8
Dodgers	2	9

10-12

Pirates	12	0
White Sox	6	5
Tigers	6	5
Angels	4	7
Orioles	3	8
Red Sox	3	9

8-10
American

Colts	9	1
Twins	7	2
Dodgers	4	6
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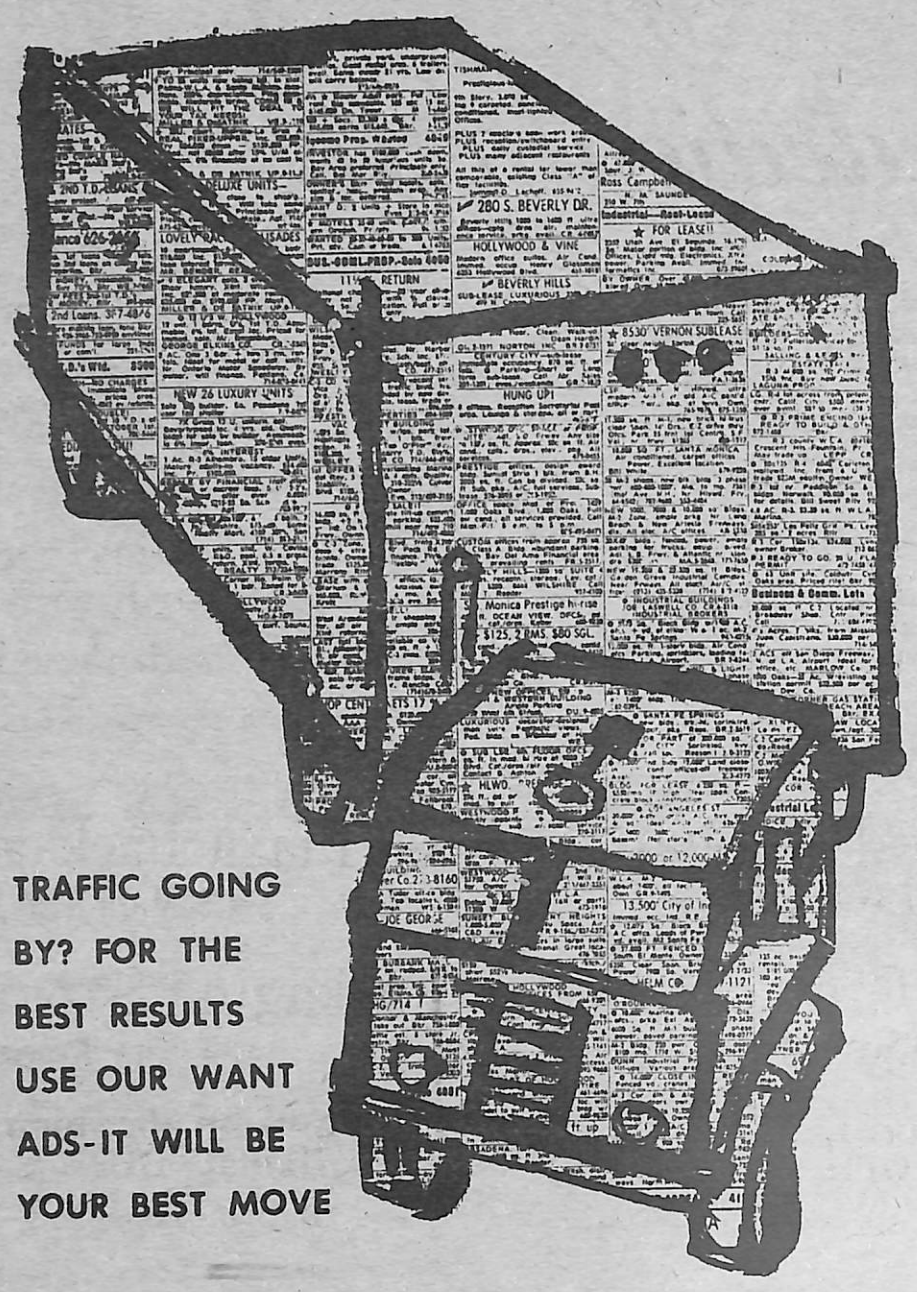

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